

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 21st 1999

South Dublin Radio Club

Declan EI6FR will give a presentation on the ZL9CI Campbell Island DXpedition in the SDR club rooms in the Ballyroan Community Centre on Tuesday evening next, November the 23rd.

The centre is located beside the church on Marian Road, off Ballyroan Road.

All are welcome to attend this interesting presentation.

Limerick Radio Club

At the last club meeting Paul EI6FE gave a talk on Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT). He gave an overview on video compression techniques, digital modulation and modern microwave link networks including the new co-channel systems. He would like to continue in the new year with a series of talks delving deeper into each subject.

The next meeting of Limerick Radio Club will be held on the first Thursday of December which is the 2nd and not the usual second Thursday.

At this meeting LRC will hold its annual Christmas Quiz run by Liam EI4GB and Pat EI9GY. A good night is assured and kick off is at 1930 hours sharp.

The theory classes in Limerick are proceeding with 13 students and Mike EI2IX is very pleased with the progress being made to date. Brendan EI0CZ in conjunction with Mike is running Morse classes on the same night at the same venue.

Anybody interested in learning CW please contact any member of LRC who will point them in the right direction.

LRC would also like to thank Zed EI4HG for introducing some of the new students to LRC.

Finally please remember that the next meeting of LRC is on the First Thursday of December and not the second Thursday. This change is only for the month of December.

Contests

Next weekend it is the turn of the CW operators to work some DX as the CQ World Wide DX Contest is being held over forty eight hours. If conditions are as good as they were for the SSB leg a few weeks ago everybody should really enjoy themselves.

Ten metres should be very good again and many new licensees will have their first opportunity to really work some DX on this band.

The contest starts at midnight on Friday night and runs until midnight on Sunday. The exchange is signal report and CQ Zone which in our case is Zone 14.

Looking a little further ahead, in two weeks time we have the ARRL 160m contest and the week after that we will have the ARRL 10m contest on December the 11th and 12th.

This will be the last chance before the year ends to improve your score in the Millennium DX Marathon promoted by the WestNet group.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The Tipperary Amateur Radio Group held their 6th Annual General Meeting at Raheen House in Clonmel on Wednesday November the 3rd.

This was a very well attended meeting with a busy schedule of business and many topics were discussed.

Club chairman Hugh O'Donnell EI2HI in his address thanked the outgoing committee and the members for their tremendous work over the past twelve months.

Club membership showed a significant increase over the year and for this reason, it was decided to hold the monthly club meetings at the new venue of Raheen House in Clonmel.

EI2HI acknowledged the participation of club members in many IRTS and AREN events. The Pat Conway EI3Z Cup, awarded to the club at the last IRTS AGM, was on display, as were the trophies won by Tommy EI2IT and Paul EI3ENB in the 2 Metres Counties Contest.

The new club committee is as follows:

Chairman - Hugh EI2HI; Vice-Chairman – Ron EI6GO; Secretary – John EI6FRB;
Treasurer – Tommy EI2IT and P.R.O. Paul EI3ENB.

The club's annual dinner will be held this year on Saturday December the 11th at the Galtee Inn in Cahir and tickets are available from any of the aforementioned committee members.

Mayo Dinner & Christmas Party

The Mayo REN First Annual Dinner & Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 18th in the Clew Bay Hotel Westport. Tickets costing £20 each are available from Padraic Baynes EI6FWB, telephone 098 27616 or Dermot Adams EI7IX on 098 25479 or on e-mail at ei7ix@eircom.net. A special rate for Dinner and B&B in the Hotel is available at £32.50 per person. The guests of honour at the dinner are Paul O'Kane EI5DI President of the IRTS and his wife Pat.

Dates for your Diary

The next meeting of the IRTS Committee will be held in The Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone on Saturday December 4th at 11.00am.

Affiliated clubs are reminded that a representative can be sent to this and other meetings of the Committee.

The Limerick Radio will hold their annual rally on Sunday the 26th of March 2000 in the Limerick Inn Hotel The IRTS AGM will be held in The Four Seasons Hotel on Monaghan over the weekend of April the 8th and 9th next year.

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